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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE'S FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGES

1. THE GOVERNMENT OWNED SUNDAY NEWS RAN PRESIDENT NYERERE'S FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGES TO THE U.S. AND PRESIDENT FORD UNDER EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEADLINE "NYERERE SALUTES THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S."

COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THEIR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS WHICH CLIMAX TODAY. THE MESSAGE IN FULL SAYS:
"AMERICA IS A SOCIETY WHOSE FAULTS ARE THE MORE GLARING BECAUSE OF ITS ADMIRABLE OPENNESS, BECAUSE OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE NATION WASFOUNDED, AND BECAUSE OF THE POWER WHICH COMES FROM ITS WEALTH AND ITS SIZE. IT IS AN INSPIRATION AND A WARNING, TO THE WORLD. POOR NATIONS ASPIRE TO EMULATE IT, OR ELSE THEY FEAR IT - AND SOMETIMES BOTH.

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FOR AMERICA IS JUDGED BY THE STANDARDS SET OUT IN IMPERISHABLE LANGUAGE IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF 1776 - WHICH IS ONE OF THE GREATEST DOCUMENTS OF ALL TIME. AND AMERICA NOW HAS A DEGREE OF WEALTH AND POWER WHICH COULD ENABLE THE IDEALS OF ITS FOUNDING FATHERS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR ALL AMERICANS TO LIVE IN DIGNITY IN A SOCIETY WHICH GIVE TO ALL ITS CITIZENS EQUAL FREEDOM AND SECURITY AND EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR AMERICA TO "OBSERVE GOOD FAITH AND JUSTICE TOWARDS ALL NATIONS" WITHOUT FEAR FOR ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE.

THE CONTINUAL STRUGGLE OF AMERICANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES WITHIN AMERICA, REGARDLESS OF RACE OR ECONOMIC STATUS, IS A MATTER OF HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS. MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE 200 YEARS. IN PARTICULAR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOW COMMITTED TO FIGHTING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES BY LAWS, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS, AND EDUCATION. THIS WE RECOGNISE, IT IS VITAL TO THE RESPECT ACCORDED TO AMERICA.

BUT THE GAP BETWEEN THE PRINCIPLES AND THE POTENTIAL ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE REALITY ON THE OTHER, IS STILL FRIGHTENINGLY WIDE, EVEN WITHIN AMERICA. AMERICANS OF NON-EUROPEAN DESCENT ARE STILL HAVING TO STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE FOR THEMSELVES THEIR FULL RIGHTS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS, EQUAL WITH ALL OTHERS. EXTREME POVERTY, AND EVEN HUNGER, EXISTS AMONG A SIZEABLE MINORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE. THERE APPEARS TO BE ALMOST A BREAKDOWN OF MANY OF THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNAL SERVICES WHICH ARE VITAL TO CIVILISED LIFE AND IN RESPECT OF WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT AMERICA TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF STRULLING HUMANITY.

SO COUNTRIES LIKE MINE LOOK AT AMERICA IN ITS BICENTENNIAL YEAR WITH ADMIRATION, AND RESPECT, YET ALSO A FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT FOR OPPORTUNITIES LOST. BUT WE ALSO LOOK AT AMERICA WITH FEAR BECAUSE OF THE USE TO WHICH AMERICA'S GREAT POWER IS OFTEN PUT, AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH AMERICAN PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN FLOUTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXERCISE OF AMERICAN POWER.

AMERICANS FUGHT A WAR FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THEY FOUGHT A CIVIL WAR TO MAINTAIN THEIR UNITY DESPITE THE DIVERSE SOCIAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CULTURAL ORIGINS OF AMERICANS. THE POOR AND OPPRESSED OF THE WORLD THEREFORE EXPECT AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF OTHER PEOPLES TO BE FREE AND UNITED, EVEN IF FREEDOM AND UNITY CANNOT BE WON PEACEFULLY. WE EXPECT THAT AMERICA WILL BE THE LAST NATION, NOT THE FIRST, TO TRY TO THWART, PERVERT, OR DESTROY THE REAL INDEPENDENCE OF OTHER NATIONS.

INSTEAD, DURING THE 15 YEARS OF OUR OWN NATIONAL EXISTANCE,

WE IN TANZANIA HAVE WITNESSED AMERICAN MILITARY POWER BEING USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO CRUSH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. IN SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WE HAVE SEEN AMERICAN ECONOMIC POWER BEING USED TO FRUSTRATE THE DOMESTIC WILL OF THE PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE FELT THE EFFECTS OF AMERICA'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT, BUT VERY POWERFUL, SUPPORT FOR THE RACIALIST AND COLONIALIST FORCES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. AND WE HAVE SEEN AMERICAN POWER TIME AND AGAIN BEING USED TO FIGHT FREEDOM ON THE PLEA THAT IT IS FIGHTING COMMUNISM.

FURTHER, AS POOR NATIONS LIKE TANZANIA STRUGGLE FOR THOSE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL IF OUR OWN EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT ARE NOT TO BE NULLIFIED, WE FIND THAT AMERICAN ECONOMIC MIGHT IS RANGED ON THE OTHER SIDE - THAT IS, ON THE SIDE OF OUR CONTINUED EXPLOITATION. ONLY MINOR REFORMS, OR ECONOMIC AID, ARE OFFERED; SOMETIMES EVEN THESE ARE MADE CONDITIONAL UPON WHAT AMERICA REGARDS AS OUR GOOD POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE.

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SO THE POOR NATIONS FEAR AMERICA, AND WE STRUGGLE AGAINST

AMERICA, EVEN WHILE WE ADMIRE THE GREAT PRINCIPLES OF AMERICA AND HER PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS. WE WATCH WITH RESPECT, SYMPATHY, AND ANXIETY - AND SOMETIMES ALMOST WITH DESPAIR - AS AMERICANS ENDEAVOUR TO COPE WITH THE POLITICAL AND MORAL RESULTS OF THEIR OWN WEALTH-CREATING ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND TO GIVE INTERNATIONAL MEANING TO THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THEIR NATION.

FOR IT IS THIS ONE THING, ABOVE ALL, WHICH REALLY GIVES HOPE TO THE WORLD. THERE ARE AMERICANS OF ALL COLOURS AND CREEDS WHO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE WITHIN AMERICA. FOR ALL ITS PEOPLES. THERE WERE AMERICANS WHO USED THE TIME GIVEN BY THE DOGGED RESISTANCE OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES, IN ORDER TO REASSERT THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY AND TO OPPOSE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. IT WAS AMERICANS WHO REVEALED, AND WHO OPPOSED, WHAT WAS BEING DONE BY THEIR NATION IN CHILE. AND AMERICANS ARE NOW WORKING TO GET AMERICAN SUPPORT RANGED ON THE SIDE OF NATIONAL FREEDOM AND HUMAN EQUALITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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AMERICANS HAVE CREATED A POWER WHICH IS FREQUENTLY ABUSED INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. BUT AMERICANS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THESE ABUSES AND FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN 1776. THERE IS THEREFORE STILL HOPE THAT AMERICA'S GREAT POWER WILL BE USED FOR HUMAN BEINGS, EVERYWHERE, RATHER SIMPLY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CREATION OF AMERICAN NATIONAL WEALTH.

FROM TANZANIA WE SALUTE AMERICA ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY. WE SEND OUR GOOD WISHES FOR A FUTURE OF AMERICAN COOPERATION WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD ON THE BASIS OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE, FOR ALL MEN AND ALL NATIONS."

MWALIMU YESTERDAY ALSO SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE COUNTRY'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL DOMINATION. THE MESSAGE READS:

"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, I AM PLEASED TO SALUTE YOU AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL DOMINATION.

"THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE HAS UNIVERSALLY BEEN ACCLAIMED AS A DOCUMENT OF HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE THE IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN IT REMAIN AS VALID TODAY AS THEY WERE 200 YEARS AGO. THEY REMAIN AN INSPIRATION TO THE OPPRESSED EVERYWHERE. FOR US IN AFRICA THEY WERE

PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WHO CONTINUE TO LANGUISH UNDER OPPRESSIVE COLONIALIST AND RACIST REGIMES." END TEXT.

2. ON PAGE 7 OF THE SUNDAY NEWS RAN A SIX COLUMN ITEM HEADLINED, "FOR THE RECORD.... OH AMERICA," BY "A CORRESPONDENT" THAT COMMENTED ON THE ATTEMPT "TO PUT UP THE STARS AND STRIPES ON AFRICA'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN...-IT IS PART OF THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN THAT GOES WITH THE BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN AMERICA..." "THE WORLD MUST WONDER THEN AT THE MEANING THE AMERICANS CAN ATTACH TO THEIR FLAG ON MOUNT KILIMANJARO THIS WEEK. THE INTERPRETATION IS THAT THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF THE FARCE THAT HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BECOME AMERICA. THE WHOLE WORLD APPRECIATES THE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MADE TO WORLD POLITICAL THINKING. IT ENCOURAGED OTHER NATIONS TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM. IT WAS AN INSPIRATION TO THE WORLD. IT EVEN INSPIRED THE RUSSIANS."

AFTER QUOTING DECLARATION, ARTICLE CONTINUED, "BUT AS HISTORY HAS SHOWN THE WHITE AMERICAN MONOPOLIST EXPANSIONISTS HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE LOGIC OF THESE RIGHTS. THEY DID NOT APPLY TO WOMEN AND BLACK PEOPLE AND THE ORIGINAL AMERICANS, THE RED INDIANS.

NOW AMERICA IS A LAND OF SHAME, A WOUNDED GIANT WHO IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN A PARTY TO THE DESTRUCTION OF DEMOCRACY IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT IS A WOUNDED GIANT, BUT A VERY DANGEROUS GIANT. MANY PROGRESSIVE AMERICANS KNOW THIS, BUT A GREAT PORTION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STILL LIVE WITH THE SPIRIT OF '76 UNAWARE THAT THEIR CORRUPT SYSTEM HAS MADE THEM A HATED NATION WHEREVER PEOPLE TALK OF REAL FREEDOM.

ONE WISHES ONE COULD CONGRATULATE THE UNITED STATES TODAY... BUT OH AMERICA*"

3. THE TANU PARTY SUNDAY PAPER MZALENDU IN SWAHILI, RAN A TWO COLUMN STORY HEADLINE "PRESIDENT PRAISES VIETNAM, AMERICA;" LEAD PARA SAID "PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FOR SUCCESSFULLY UNITING NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM INTO A SINGLE STATE." THE TEXT OF THE NYERERE-TON DUC THANG LETTER FOLLOWED. IN PARA SEVEN THE ARTICLE SAID "PRESIDENT NYERERE ALSO SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR. GERALD FORD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS COUNTRY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE." THE TEXT THAT FOLLOWED WAS A REPEAT OF THE LETTER REPORTED IN PARA 1.

4. COMMENT: THE TEXT OF "NYERERE'S SALUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE US," AND THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD WERE RELEASED BY THE TANZANIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. THE "NYERERE SALUTE" WAS

HEADED "PRESIDENT NYERERE'S MESSAGE FOR TIME MAGAZINE - 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.A."

THE PARA 2 STORY WAS INCORRECT, AS IT WAS NOT A FLAG BUT A KITE
BEARING THE BICENTENNIAL SYMBOL WHICH MRS. LINDA BRAMICH OF
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